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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT IN
ACCORDANCE WITH 37 C.F.R. §§1.97-1.98

Because this Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is filed after the receipt of a First Office Action on the Merits for the above-captioned application, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 02-1818.

In accordance with the duty of disclosure imposed by 37 C.F.R. §1.56 to inform the Patent Office of all information known by Applicant or Applicant's representative that may be material to the examination of the subject application, Applicant's representative hereby provides this Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement that is prepared in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§1.97-1.98.

The documents cited on the Forms PTO-1449 are in the English language, with the exception of the item noted below. Item AI (JP-A-5-503211) is in the Japanese language and an English language equivalent is listed (WO 91/05048, Item AJ). Hence, in accordance with the requirements of 37 C.F.R. §1.98, as amended effective March 16, 1992, no further explanation of the listed items is necessary.

In accordance with the duty of disclosure imposed by 37 C.F.R. §1.56 to inform the Patent Office of all information known by Applicant or Applicant's representative that may be material to the examination of the subject application, this Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement (sIDS) includes a table listing an Examination Report, Office Action and Written Opinion cited in corresponding International Patent Applications:

1) Examination Report, issued October 21, 2009, in connection with Canadian Patent Application Serial No. 2,501,295 (Attorney Docket No. 3800003.00010/ 4905CA).

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2) Written Opinion, issued November 9, 2009, in connection with Singapore Patent Application Serial No. 200704897-8 (Attorney Docket No. 3800003.00022/ 4905BSG).

3) Office Action, issued February 5, 2010, in connection with Korean Patent Application Serial No. 10-2005-7005800 (Attorney Docket No. 3800003.00018/ 4905KR).

This Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement (sIDS) includes the application number of the application in which the IDS is being submitted, a column that provides a blank space next to each citation for the Examiner's initials, a heading on the listing that clearly indicates the list is an Information Disclosure Statement, and copies of Documents 1-3. Therefore, this sIDS is in compliance with 37 CFR §§ 1.97, 1.98 and MPEP § 609 and Applicant respectfully requests that Examiner consider and initial all information listed in the table below.

Examiner Initial	Document No.	Document
	1	Examination Report, issued October 21, 2009, in connection with Canadian Patent Application Serial No. 2,501,295.
	2	Written Opinion, issued November 9, 2009, in connection with Singapore Patent Application Serial No. 200704897-8.
	3	Office Action, issued February 25, 2010, in connection with Korean Patent Application Serial No. 10-2005-7005800.

In the Office Action dated January 20, 2010, the Examiner alleges that the Information Disclosure Statement filed on October 1, 2009, fails to comply with provisions 37 C.F.R. §§1.97, 1.98 and MPEP §609 because "the list of other information i.e., copy of examination report from Australia and New Zealand submitted for consideration is not listed in a section separately from citations of other documents." Applicant respectfully disagrees. The Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement (sIDS) filed on October 1, 2009, included a table (i.e., a separate section) listing the Australian and New Zealand Examination Reports. In compliance with 37 CFR §1.98 (a)(1), (a)(2) and (a)(3), the sIDS also included the application number of the application in which the sIDS was being submitted, a column that provided a blank space next to each citation for the Examiner's initials, a heading on the listing that clearly indicated the list is an Information Disclosure Statement, and copies of Documents 1 and 2. Therefore, the sIDS filed on October 1, 2009, is in compliance with 37 CFR §§ 1.97, 1.98 and MPEP § 609, and Applicant respectfully requests that Examiner consider and initial all information listed in the table.

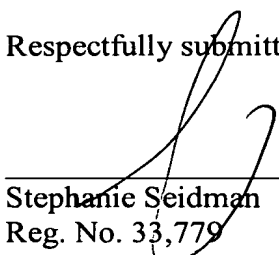
The Examiner is requested to please review the file history of this application in PAIR. When submitting Information Disclosure Statements, the undersigned includes a transmittal letter, a paper providing information (IDS letter), and a Form PTO-1449. In some

instances, the IDS letter includes a table with documents that require initials by the Examiner. It has come to the attention of the undersigned that Information Disclosure Statements have been misclassified in PAIR. Also the documents have been separated such that, at best, only parts of the documents are getting to the Examiner for review. In the Supplemental Information Disclosure Statements filed on September 12, 2008; June 11, 2009; July 10, 2009; and October 1, 2009, the transmittal letter and accompanying IDS letter providing information have been classified together as a transmittal letter (TRAN.LET). To address this, the undersigned has contacted the Examiner and requested that documents submitted in the Information Disclosure Statement tables be considered and initialed by the Examiner.

Although these documents and applications are made known to the Patent and Trademark Office in compliance with Applicant's duty of disclosure, such disclosure is not to be construed as an admission by Applicant or Applicant's representative that any of the documents, singly or in any combination thereof, is effective as prior art against the subject application. In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97(g) and (h), the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement shall not be construed to mean that a search has been made or that no other material information as defined in 37 C.F.R. §1.56(b) exists.

Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner review the foregoing documents and they be made of record in the file history of the above-captioned application.

Respectfully submitted,



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